(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) Employees Joint Forum protested against modernisation and development of Delhi and Mumbai airports through Joint Venture route and organized agitation during the period 30.01.2006 to 03.02.2006.

(c) The matter has been settled amicably and Government has constituted a tripartite Committee comprising representatives from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, AAI and AAI Employees' Joint Forum to look into the issues and proposals of modernising airports by AAI and Employees related issues including job security.

Development of Mangalore Airport

2264. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified Mangalore (Bajpe) airport for developmnt under Phase-I of the non-metro airports development programme;

(b) whether the Expression of Interest (EoI) for architectural design has been received from bidders and evaluated for the project; and

(c) by when the work on development is likely to be started by AAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The development work at Mangalore airport is proposed to be commenced in 2006-07.

Facilities at overseas IA offices

2265. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to improve the passenger amenties at IA offices/counters at UK, USA and other major countries;

(b) whether Government have recieved complaints/suggestions in this regard form some Members of Parliament in 2005; and